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In re Application of ) Prior Group Art Unit: 1631  
Hua Zhu , et al. )  
Continuation of ) Prior Examiner: Y. Kim  
Serial No. 09/377,907 )  
Filed: September 12, 2001 ) Atty. Dkt. No. 03848.00096

For: **Expression Monitoring For Human Cytomegalovirus (HCMV) Infection**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminarily to the examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, insert the following paragraph:

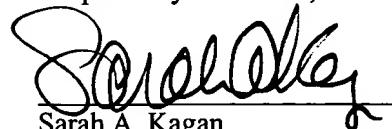
The present invention is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/377,907, filed

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REMARKS

The amendment to the specification is made in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 119, 37 C.F.R. 1.78 and 37 C.F.R. 1.55. No new matter has been entered. Entry is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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